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SUBJ: REACTION SPANISH ASSASSINATION

1. UNDER HEADLINE QUOTE THE FRIENDS OF SPAIN - COOPERATION WITH
DICTATORS UNQUOTE POLITIKEN (RADICAL, INDEPENDENT) COMMENTS
EDITORIALLY QUOTE ON DAY BEFORE ASSASSINATION OF SPANISH CHIEF OF
GOVERNMENT, HENRY KISSINGER NEGOTIATED WITH HIM IN MADRID. THEIR
CONVERSATION TOOK "IN ATMOSPHERE OF GREATEST CORDIALITY
AND UNDERSTANDING."

2. "ONE MUST KNOW ONE'S FRIENDS WHILE ONE HAS THEM. 24 HOURS
PREVIOUSLY, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WAS TALKING WITH HIS PORTUGUESE
FRIENDS IN LISBON, THE ONLY ONES WHO STOOD BY DURING MIDDLE EAST
WAR AND ALLOWED U.S. TO USE HER BASES. ALREADY THEN PORTUGAL'S
GOVERNMENT MADE ITS FIRST DEMAND FROM U.S. NOW BILL WAS
PRESENTED. IT WAS SO BIG THAT AGREEMENT ON IT HAS NOT YET BEEN
ACHIEVED.

3. "MONTH AGO GREEK JUNTA TUMBLED, JUNTA WHICH HAD BEEN SUPPLIED
WITH WEAPONS, MONEY AND PRESTIGE BY KISSINGER. BUT DURING WAR
JUNTA REFUSED TO LET U.S. USE HER INSTALLATIONS. NEW JUNTA HAS
TAKEN OVER NOW, TO STOP DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT.

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4. "NOW SPAIN IS ALSO UNDER WAY. NO MATTER WHO KILLED ADMIRAL

BLANCO, KILLING IS OMEN TO REST OF US OF ONE MORE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRY WHOSE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS ARE TO BE SUBDUE.

5. "SPANIARDS ARE NOT POLITICALLY INTERESTED, SOME PEOPLE SAY. WHAT SHALL ONE SAY, THEN, ABOUT FIGHT WHICH HAS BEEN WAGED DURING CENTURY OF SPANISH HISTORY? BLOODY AND HORRIBLE, SWINGING BACK AND FORTH, YES. BUT POLITICAL ENOUGH, ON ITS OWN SPANISH CONDITIONS. THIS IS THE SPAIN WE SHALL SOON MEET UNQUOTE.

6. COMMENT: POST CONSIDERS THIS EDITORIAL EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF POLITIKEN'S GENERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD USG. LINKING OF ASSASSINATION WITH KISSINGER VISIT-POINT MADE ALSO BY OTHER LEFT OF CENTER PAPERS-AND REFERENCES TO PORTUGAL AND GREECE INTENDED CONVEY IMPRESSION US IS ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO RIGHTIST DICTATORSHIPS. CRITICISM OF LISBON TIE ESPECIALLY TORTUOUS, IN THAT PAPER'S CHIEF EDITOR RESIDES IN ISRAEL AND HAS CRITICIZED USG FOR NOT RPT NOT STANDING STRONGLY ENOUGH BY ISRAEL DURING AND IN AFTERMATH OF LATEST WAR. RATHER THAN CHIDE EUROPEAN NATIONS THAT REFUSED OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING RIGHTS TO US AIRLIFT, POLITIKEN FINDS FAULT WITH ONE COUNTRY THAT INDIRECTLY AIDED ISRAEL.
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